



Idaho Prescribed Fire Council
IdahoRxFire.org

Before you Burn...



"Can I burn?"

- Burning anything other than a *recreational* campfire? **Follow checklist below**
- Are you inside the city limits? **Contact your local fire department**
- Burning crop residue? **Get your permit from IDEQ**
- Not sure if it's crop residue? **Check IDEQ**
- Burning yard/forest/shrub/grassland debris? **Get a permit (IDL, tribe, agency)**
- Burning anything else? (construction waste, trash, etc.) **DON'T**

1. Make A Plan

- ☐ **Control lines**
What barriers are going to stop fire spread?
(Roads, Dozer, Trail)
- ☐ **Resources**
Who is going to help you light & **CONTROL** the burn?
What tools do they need?
(Hand tools, ATV, water)
- ☐ **Plan**
What's your strategy for lighting & **CONTROLLING** the burn & minimizing smoke impacts?
- ☐ **Submit** and follow a burn permit when required

burnpermits.idaho.gov

Pro Tip: Get advice from experienced burners
Pro Tip: Cover piles

2. Check Weather

- ☐ **Check weather.gov and mi.airshedgroup.org**
(changing weather, air quality restrictions, who else is burning)
- ☐ **Is the weather good on burn day?**
(not too dry, wet, windy or calm)
- ☐ **Is the weather good AFTER burn day?**
(wet and not too windy)
Pay attention until the burn is COLD

Pro Tip: Watch the weather several weeks before your burn to check for patterns

3. Contact

- When you have planned and prepared your area, the weather looks good, and you are ready to burn, contact...**
- ☐ Local fire authority or emergency services (IDL, fire dept., tribe etc.)
 - ☐ Public lands district offices (USFS, BLM, etc.)
 - ☐ Neighbors
 - Directly adjacent
 - Impacted by smoke
 - Who can assist

Why? So they know your burn is planned and where to go if you need help

4. STOP

If conditions are not right
do not light

If conditions change
change your plan

Call for help **before** help comes to you

Anyone starting a fire is responsible for that fire until it is out!

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